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SUBJECT: MILITARY AIRCRAFT OVERFLIGHT/LANDING CLEARANCE

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1. AT MOMENT REF B REFLECTS FIRM FMG POSITION WITH REGARD OVERFLIGHT/LANDING CLEARANCES FOR MILITARY AIRCRAFT EVACUATION MISSIONS.
MESSAGE BASED ON MEA NOTE, THE OPERATIVE PORTION OF WHICH READS:
QTE...WITH REFERENCE TO THE (EMBASSY'S) AIDE-MEMOIRE DATED 21ST JULY, 1976, REQUESTING CLEARANCE OF MILITARY AIRCRAFT AT SHORT NOTICE, HAS THE HONOR TO STATE THAT THE MINISTRY WILL BE UNABLE, UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, TO DEVIATE FROM THE EXISTING PROCEDURE OF AUTHORIZING OVERFLIGHT OR LANDING OF FOREIGN MILITARY AIRCRAFT IN NIGERIA. HOWEVER, THE MINISTRY WILL ENDEAVOR, AS MUCH AS PRACTICABLE, TO AUTHORIZE OVERFLIGHT OR LANDING OF FOREIGN AIRCRAFT IN EMERGENCY CASES AS THE EMBASSY HAD STATED, ONLY IF CIVILIAN AIRCRAFT ARE INVLOVED. ENQTE.

2. BECAUSE FMG POSITION DOES NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT FACT THAT USG EMERGENCY EVACUATION AIRCRAFT ARE ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY MILITARY, DAO IS ATTEMPTING TO WORK THROUGH MINISTRY DEFENSE OFFICIALS TO BRING ABOUT MODIFICATION OF FMG ATTITUDE.
WILL ADVISE DEPARTMENT AND DOD OF ANY CHANGE IN FMG POSITION.
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